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Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Are we to take it that by these Artificial Insemination Centres the Minister is trying to take away the much-loved activity of the stud bulls of South Arcot and other places? " (Laughter.)

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not think that South Arcot district is in any way going to be affected by the scheme of artificial insemination."

Sri K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know whether there is any Artificial Insemination Centre in Pudukkottai as there is a cattle farm there? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I must leave this matter to be fought out between the two rival bulls." (Laughter.)

Books and Magazines prohibited in the State.

* 1389 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of books and magazines prohibited in the State; and

(*b*) whether 'Ramayana Retold' by Indo-Irish author Aubrey Menon is prohibited?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The Government consider that the time and labour involved in collecting the information required will not be commensurate with any public interest that will be served thereby.

'(*b*) the book has not been prohibited."

Sri N. K. PALANISAMY :—" வல்கராக இருக்கிறது என்ற காரணத்திற்காக நாடகத்தடை சட்டம் கொண்டு வரப்பட்டது. 'Ramayana Retold' என்ற புஸ்தகத்தில் சீதையினுடைய கற்பைப்பற்றி (chastity) ஆபாசமாக கூறப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. பதினான்கு வருஷகாலம் நாட்டில் இல்லாது வெளி நாட்டில் இருந்ததினால் சீதையின் கற்பைப்பற்றி குறைகூறுகிறது. ஆதலால் இதை என் தடை செய்யக்கூடாது ? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" இது லண்டனிலே பிரசுரிக்கப்பட்ட ஒரு புஸ்தகம். இதைப்பற்றி நாம் அதிகமாக கவலைப்பட வேண்டிய அவசியம் இல்லை. அதிகமான பேர்கள் இதை வாங்கிப் படிப்பதும் கிடையாது."

Sri S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—" Is this 'Menon' an Indian or a foreigner? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" He is a foreigner."

Distribution of oil engines and pumpsets to ryots.

* 1390 *Q.*—Sri P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the type, make and power of oil engines and pumpsets available on 30th June 1954 with the District Agricultural Officer, Tiruchirappalli, for distribution among ryots on credit;

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(*b*) from whom these engines were purchased and their price;

(*c*) whether these engines have been lying idle for a long time with the Officer;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that some time back the District Agricultural Officer issued credit note or cheques to the ryots enabling them to purchase engines required by them from private parties or concerns; and

(*e*) if so, why the said system of issuing credit note is now suspended?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Nil.

" (*b*) Does not arise.

" (*c*) Does not arise.

" (*d*) No.

" (*e*) Does not arise."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Are not District Agricultural Officers entrusted with the work of distributing oil engines and pumpsets to the needy ryots? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The original question was about the supply of oil engines on credit. I may tell the hon. Member that no oil engines are issued by the Department of Agriculture on credit. But oil engines are supplied under hire-purchase scheme and also under the filter-point scheme. Under the filter-point scheme, about 50 engines are allotted to the Tiruchirappalli district and under the hire-purchase scheme, 2 oil engines have been supplied to ryots in Tiruchirappalli district during 1954–55. Orders for the supply of 5 oil engines have been placed with manufacturers."

Improvements to the hospital at Manjeri.

*1391 *Q.*—SRI K. UPPI (on behalf of Sri M. Chadayan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether in 1954 the Government took any and if so, what steps to improve the hospital at Manjeri in Ernad taluk?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A proposal for increasing the bed strength of the hospital was considered in connection with the Budget for 1955–56 but was deferred."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" May I know whether the proposals were recommended by the Director of Medical Services and for what reasons the work was deferred? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" All the proposals come through the Director of Medical Services. We have provided for increase of bed-strength and for additional staff in places where buildings have been provided for extra accommodation."